THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) A meeting of the General Managers of Department of Telecommunications was held in the beginning of November, 1985.

(b) The following main subjects were deliberated upon at the meeting:

(1) Improvement of telephone and telegraph services with special thrusts on automation and time-bound programme.

(2) productivity of the staff.

(3) Seventh Five-Year Plan

(4) Training

(5) Discipline

(6) Personnel & Financial Management.

(c) The deliberations are expected to supplement the efforts being made for expansion and improvement of telecom services.

Connecting District Headquarters in Andhra Pradesh with Hyderabad by STD

948. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many district headquarters in Andhra Pradesh have been connected with Hyderabad, the State Capital, by STD facilities;

(b) what are the names of those districts and by when other districts in Andhra Pradesh are expected to be connected with the State Capital by STD facilities: and

(c) what are the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) 21 district headquarters in Andhra Pradesh have been provided STD facility with Hyderabad.

(b) A list of the names of the district headquarters mentioned at 'a' above is available in the Statement (See below).

Two district headquarters viz. Nizamabad and Elluru (West Godavari district) are manual exchanges. However Manual Subscriber Trunk Dialling (MSTD) facility is available to them *via* Hyderabad Tax and Vijayawada TAX respectively.

(c) Subscriber Trunk Dialling facility at Nizamabad and Elluru exchanges has been planned after automization of these exchanges planned during 7th Plan period.

Statement

Names of District Headquarters in Andhra Pradesh connected with Hyderabad on STD:

1. Adilabad
2. Anantpur
3. Chittoor
4. Cuddappah
5. Guntur
6. Kakinada
7. Khammam
8. Machlipatnam
9. Nalgonda
10. Nellore
11. Ongole
12. Secunderabad 1.
13. Secunderabad 2 (Rangareddy)
14. Srikakulam
15. Vishakhapatnam
16. Vizianagram
17. Warangal
18. Mehboobnagar
19. Sangareddy
20. Karimnagar
21. Kurnool

Expansion of Telecommunication Network

949. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for the expansion of telecommunication network in the country during the Seventh Plan period; and